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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT CCG MEETINGS BY SECRETARIES
GENERAL AND STAFF ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

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1. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT PRIVATE MEETINGS, RESTRICTED TO CCG MEMBER COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES ONLY, MAY BE NECESSARY FROM TIME TO TIME AND SHOULD CONTINUE. AT SUCH "EXECUTIVE SESSIONS," ATTENDANCE BY EITHER SECRETARIES GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) OR STAFF ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. ON OTHER OCCASIONS, IT MIGHT BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE TO MEET WITH SECRETARIES GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AND AT OTHER TIMES WITH BOTH
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SECRETARIES GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AND STAFF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES. WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OCCASION WHEN CCG MEMBER COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES WOULD WANT TO MEET ONLY WITH STAFF ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES; TO DO SO MIGHT UNDERCUT SECRETARIES GENERAL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES. WE COULD NOT AGREE THAT SECRETARIES GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ARE ENTITLED TO

ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF CCG MEMBER COUNTRIES REPRESENTATIVES.

2. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT GOOD STAFF/MANAGEMENT/MEMBER

COUNTRIES RELATIONSHIPS WOULD BE SERVED BY HAVING MEETINGS
OF CCG MEMBER COUNTRIES AS OPEN AS POSSIBLE TO ATTENDANCE
BY SECRETARIES GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) AND STAFF
ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES.

3. SINCE COUNCILS ACT BY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT, WE SEE NO
RPT NO REASON TO CHANGE CCG VOTING PROCEDURE. CHANGE TO
MAJORITY VOTE IN CCG WOULD SIMPLY SHIFT CRUNCH POINT FROM
CCG TO COUNCILS. VANCE

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